

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

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NMCB ONE Detail Sigonella is rolling strong into the New Year with their project, “Sports Field Lighting and Head”. Touting themselves as the hardest working Bees in the Med, they continue to complete every task, no matter how tedious or difficult, with excellent quality and even greater dedication to a job well done.

The head facility is being constructed at a humbling rate thanks to the bees of Detail Sigonella. Builders and a couple of Steelworkers have completely finished the floor tile and the drywall ceiling, and are now on the verge of completing the wall tile. SWCA (SCW) Joshua Baker worked on tile for the first time and said, “Learning new trades has always been the best part about the Seabees for me.” The exterior of the building is completely painted and despite constant rain, the 952 square foot clay tile roof was also completed.

The ever-determined electricians have the head completely wired and ready for the finishing touches. On the other side of the Bravo house, the Utilitiesmen are beginning to install all of the finished plumbing, which includes over twenty fixtures. This has proven to be quite a learning task for UTCN (SCW) Lonnie Waddell, “Working on the interior plumbing and electrical has been a great learning experience for me, but it also was difficult while I was prepared for my SCWS board. It has been a challenge, but I have been up to it.”

With all that work being done on the head facility, you wouldn’t believe that the Seabees of Detail Sigonella have been putting in the same amount, if not more, work outside of the head facility. Besides the interior wiring, the Construction Electricians have been working to complete lights for the soccer field, softball field, and everything in-between. They installed 26 bollard lights that will

light the way for people walking about the complex. Currently, they are installing all of the ballasts on each light pole, which is proving to be quite the difficult task since each ballast mount weighs over 250lbs. “A crane will have to be brought in to get these heavy things up there, which is nearly impossible due to the soft soil. If poor weather conditions continue, we will have to use our Seabee ingenuity and that “CAN DO” Bravo attitude, to accomplish this tasking,” said CE3 (SCW) Rodney Stephenson.

There are also some of “*The First and The Finest’s*” Builders working outside. They have constructed a 150-foot sidewalk, which leads from the nearby road up to the doors of the head facility. BU3 (SCW) Carl Yelton, a new addition to Detail Sigonella from Rota, Spain, had a hand in it. “Would have been great if it hadn’t rained, but we got the job done with no signs of trouble.” Aside from the sidewalk, prefabrication is also in progress for a stairwell that will lead from the tennis and basketball courts to the picnic pads below.

The base in Sigonella is seeing a lot of progress due to outstanding leadership and a great bunch of Seabees who continue to show everyone just what “*The First and The Finest*” is about.

Photo Caption for Lanaute2: BUCA Vanessa Lanaute cuts a piece of wall tile for the head facility.

Photo Caption for Williams: CE2(SCW) Olando Williams works on installing a bollard light by the soccer field.